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haven't done anything with yet. It is bracketed, I believe, on General File and relates to additional methods for discipline. This is before the Constitutional Revisions Committee. There are some additional amendments needed. There presently is a dispute between the people that have been doing this as to how to word that additional discipline but the bill is before us and can be acted upon. I add that for your information.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I will use my second time and come back to questions and dialogue with Senator Luedtke, is that the master has, under the Constitution, the rights of the judge and the duty of the judge. In my opinion, then this makes the activities of the master a matter of record the same as the District Court would be and the record would be public, is that correct?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes. You can't have it in the District Court because the District Judge might be the very one that is being charged so that is why the Constitution takes this out of the District Court.

SENATOR KELLY: I understand that but the master's court, for reference, is a court of record.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: It isn't a master's court. The master is appointed by the court. He is an officer of the court and conducts the hearing.

SENATOR KELLY: Where is the record? Where is the record of the master's operation?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: The master makes his report to the Qualifications Commission itself.

SENATOR KELLY: So there is no record, there is no public record like there is in District Court of the activities of the master?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No. The Qualifications Commission would have it but that would probably be only...I don't believe that the Qualifications Commission would consider that a record such as you could go down to the District Court and pull out the transcript because, remember, we are dealing here with allegations that may be totally unproved. It may be filled with hearsay which was absolutely disproved, this sort of thing. It might completely damage and wreck the whole judicial system, if you were allowed...

SENATOR KELLY: I understand and want to protect that right and I want to protect it through immunity but I have real serious reservations about giving the right to punish for contempt to an individual that operates without a public record available for review of his punishment.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, I don't want to further confuse